THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Introducing Agnihotra in Maharashtra

2130. DR. Y. RADHAKRISHNA MURTY:

PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to adopt Vedic Rituals Agnihotra for increasing agricultural productivity in Maharashtra villages;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether adoption of Vedic rituals in agriculture would be spread in villages all over the country;

(d) whether opinion of agricultural Scientists has been sought;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No research work on vedic ritual "Agnihotra" for increasing agricultural productivity has been undertaken in the Council nor there is any proposal to introduce it in the future research agenda of the Council as there is no scientific evidence available with the Council so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.